

NASW-TN Children & Families Connection

August 2019 Newsletter



Welcome to NASW-TN's e-newsletter. This will be a monthly publication focused on supporting your work with children & families in Tennessee. Monthly issues will be emailed to our members and shared with the public through our Facebook page and website. Each issue will include a theme for that month, the latest information and research related to children & families, as well as tools and resources you can use in your practice.



August is Back to School with Social Workers Month!

The services that school social workers provide are invaluable. School social workers act as the connection for school, home, and community services to help children with emotional, developmental, and educational needs.

Studies show that having social workers in schools helps improve attendance and enables students to overcome life's hurdles so they get the best possible education. Social workers also help schools address issues such as bullying and school violence.

Despite the benefits that social workers bring, many school districts hire fewer social workers than those recommended by the NASW [Standards for School Social Work Services](#). Schools mainly cite budget reasons for not hiring enough social workers. To stress the importance of social workers in schools the School Social Work Association of America (SSWAA) and the NASW School Social Work Specialty Practice Section have prepared this online media toolkit to educate the public and media about the importance of school social workers.



[Click here to access the School Social Work Toolkit!](#)



Resources for You from NASW!

NASW provides a variety of resources to assist our members. Click the button below to access a list of some resources NASW provides related to school social work:

[NASW Resources on School Social Work](#)

TENNESSEE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS



Making a Difference in the Lives of
Children and Youth

[Tennessee School Social Workers: Making a Difference in the Lives of Children and Youth](#)

During the 2018 Legislative Session in Tennessee, NASW-TN worked on a bill to increase the number of school social workers across the state.

The legislation that was enacted created a student support collaborative to review and define the roles and responsibilities for school social workers, school psychologists, school counselors, and school nurses. The collaborative will also identify available resources that can be used to provide high-quality support to students. The BEP Review Committee analyzed the addition of school social workers in the state funding formula and included it in the [2018 Annual Report](#).

We continue to advocate on behalf of the profession and raised awareness around school social work and the invaluable services they provide to children and families in Tennessee.

[Read more in our 2018 flyer about School Social Workers in Tennessee](#)

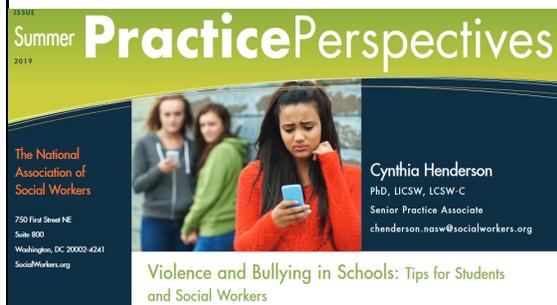
[Violence and Bullying in Schools: Tips for Students and Social Workers](#)

School violence and bullying may affect a student's physical, mental and social well-being. School social workers are becoming increasingly aware of the need for prevention and intervention to lessen the impact on learning, academic performance, and safety for children, teachers, mental health staff, parents, and all other school staff. School violence and bullying affect the students involved, the witnesses, the school climate, and the wider community.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), school violence and bullying are a subset of youth violence. Youth violence occurs when young people intentionally use physical force to threaten or harm others. Participants in youth violence may be victims or witnesses.

This practice perspective offers tips to school social workers and students to help prevent bullying and school violence.

[Read more Tips for Students and Social Workers to prevent school violence and bullying](#)



[Common Ground Education Podcast: Interview with Executive Director of SSWAA](#)

Rebecca Oliver, Executive Director of School Social Work Association of America (SSWAA) sits down with our podcast to tell us about her organization. One of SSWAA's functions is to support school social workers on a national level. However, they

[FREE Webinar - Raising Awareness about School Social Work](#)

Wed, Sep 18, 2019 11 AM CT/ 12 PM ET

The School Social Work Association of America (SSWAA) is working with the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) on a "Back to School with Social Workers" national campaign to raise awareness of school social workers and their value to P-12 education.

The contents of the plan will be reviewed and strategies that you as an individual school social worker will be discussed.

Join us in making this the year of the

do much more than that and you can find out more information at SSWAA.org. You can follow SSWAA on twitter [@TheSSWAA](https://twitter.com/TheSSWAA)

Common Ground Education provides educators, specialists, and families an integrated framework for social emotional intervention and academic enrichment.

School Social Worker!



School Social Work
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Resource Corner

[FULL REPORT - Tennessee School Social Workers: Making a Difference in the Lives of Children and Youth](#)

[2018 TN School Social Work Legislation - Public Chapter 844](#)

[Tennessee Social Work Snapshot](#)

[Help Starts Here: Schools and Communities](#)

[TN Association of School Social Workers](#)

[Comprehensive School-based Mental Health Supports and Services](#)

[Tennessee Comprehensive School-Based Mental Health Resource Guide](#)

[TN Dept. of Education - School Safety](#)

[TN Dept. of Education - Suicide Prevention](#)

[Building Strong Brains/ TN ACES](#)

[Systems of Care Across Tennessee](#)

[Dare to Soar podcast](#)

[School Social Work Association of America](#)

[SchoolSocialWork.net](#)

[American Council for School Social Work](#)

**Need to get your CE Hours?
Here are some upcoming
Continuing Education
Workshops from NASW-TN!**

Best Practices in Social Work Supervision

6.0 CEUs with 3.0 in Ethics
September 27, 2019
Nashville, TN

Southeast Branch Forum

6.0 CEUs with 3.0 in Ethics
September 27, 2019
Chattanooga, TN

Best Practices in Social Work Supervision

6.0 CEUs with 3.0 in Ethics
October 4, 2019
Memphis, TN

Licensure Examination Preparation

15.0 CEUs with 3.0 in Ethics
November 1-2, 2019
Nashville, TN

HELP4TN

Free civil legal help is available through resources provided by Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services. Visit www.HELP4TN.org or call 1-844-HELP4TN to talk to an experienced Tennessee attorney for free legal advice and referrals.

NASW, Tennessee Chapter helps support the inclusion of information on social services through this website.

kidcentral tn

HOME

Free, one-stop resource for TN families to raise healthy and happy kids. kidcentral tn features articles on health, education, development and more. It also includes a searchable directory for state-sponsored services for children & families.

The site is maintained by the Tennessee Commission and Children and Youth.



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